GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS CONSIGNMENT
HANNAN MOLLAH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge arms consignment at Cox`s Bazar port in Bangladesh has arrived for North-East militants in the first week of April, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that these arms including rifles and high explosive materials are smuggled through the deeply wooded forests near the international border;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): The Governments of Thailand, Myanmar and Bangladesh have been sensitised.As per available reports, these are the countries form and through which illegal flow of arms to the North-Eastern States is taking place.Actionable intelligence is also being shared with these countries on a continuing basis. Other steps taken in this regard include gearing up of intelligence machinery and strengthening of the Border Security Force/Assam Rifles on the Indo-Bangladesh/Indo-Myanmar border.